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1. SUPPORT TO [REDACTED] DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR AND DCM ON 27 AUGUST. IT WAS CLEAR FROM SESSION THAT NEITHER WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROVIDING THIS SUPPORT FOR DIFFERING REASONS. THE AMBASSADOR IS OF VIEW THAT IT WOULD PERHAPS BE BETTER NOT TO HELP THE OPPOSITION PARTIES AT ALL ON THE BASIS THAT THIS MAKES IT TOO EASY FOR THEM. THE DCM HAS HIS DOUBTS ABOUT THE EFFICACY OF ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARTIES. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE CHILEAN PARTIES ARE CAPABLE OF FUNCTIONING IN AN ORGANIZED WAY, HE MAY BE RIGHT.

2. THE FINANCIAL PROBLEM OF EL MERCURIO WAS BROUGHT UP BY THE AMBASSADOR IN THIS DISCUSSION. HE AS WELL AS THE DCM TOOK POSITION THAT IT WAS INFINITELY MORE IMPORTANT THAT THTHIS PAPER SURVIVE THAN THE PARTY NEWSPAPERS SINCE THE LATTER ARE OF OF LIMITED CIRCULATION.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AFTER ABOUT AN HOUR OF NEGATIVE DISCUSSION THE AMBASSADOR FINALLY SAID HE WOULD NOT OPPOSE, SUPPORT TO [REDACTED] BUT DEFERRED TO THE DCM SINCE HE WAS LEAVING. DCM SAID HE DID NOT OBJECT TO THE SUPPORT AND THAT WE SHOULD SUBMIT THE REQUEST BUT THAT HE WOULD FORWARD HIS RESERVATIONS IN GENERAL ON ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT TO THE PARTIES. WHETHER HE WILL OR NOT WE CANNOT TELL.

3. REQUEST THEREFORE THAT HQS PROCEED TO GET [REDACTED] APPROVAL FOR [REDACTED] FOR [REDACTED] AND TO MAINTAIN FOR FUTURE USE THE [REDACTED] PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR [REDACTED] MEDIA [REDACTED]

4. WOULD APPRECIATE HQS GETTING APPROVAL OF PROGRAM FOR SUPPORT TO OPPOSITION PARTIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. OF THE THREE OPPOSITION PARTIES WE BELIEVE IT IS MOST URGENT THAT WE RESUME FUNDING [REDACTED] SOONEST. [REDACTED] DOES NOT SEEM TO BE HURTING SINCE IN SPITE OF CONSTANT URGING THEY STILL HAVE NOT COME UP WITH A SPECIFIC ESTIMATE OF THEIR NEEDS. [REDACTED] IS SEEKING MONEY BUT THEY HAVE YET TO DEMONSTRATE THEY HAVE ANY

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IDEA WHAT THEY WILL DO WITH IT AFTER THEY RECEIVE IT.

THESE WERE THE SAME REASONS THE STATION HAD WHEN IT, ORIGINALLY

SUBMITTED THE PROGRAM AS IT DID IN JUNE ASKING THAT SUPPORT

BE PROVIDED PRINCIPALLY TO AT THAT TIME.

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